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REMARKS

Claims 3-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2 were withdrawn from consideration, claims 3-12, 16 and 17 are allowed, and claims 13-15 are rejected.

Claims 13-15 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite for antecedent basis issues. Claim 13 has been amended to overcome these antecedent basis issues. As such, Applicant respectfully believes claims 13-15 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 13-15 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berkowitz (7,133,678) in view of Perkins (2002/0178358). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons stated below.

As stated in MPEP § 2143.01, to establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974).

Applicants respectfully submit, as will be detailed below, that Berkowitz and Perkins do not, either expressly or inherently, teach or suggest a number of limitations recited in the claims. For example, claim 13 discloses comparing a signature response using the international mobile identity number, a random number, and a ciphering key. Perkins does not disclose that the random number and the ciphering key are used to compare the signature response.

However, purely in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant invention, Applicant has amended claim 13 by including the following limitations: sending the signature response, the random number, and the ciphering key in a form compatible with the second technology, and receiving an authentication indication in a message compatible with the second technology.

Support for these limitations, which are not taught or suggested by the cited art, can be found at least in claim 3.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing response places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned.

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